

Glenn County Drought Task Force Meeting

August 11, 2022, 1500-1600 hours

Glenn County Office of Education – Conference Facility

131 Walker St. Orland, CA 95963

1. Situational Update

a. [Well Incident – Data Summary](#)

- i. 90 well incident reports have been collected in 2022: 61 dry, 29 intermittent
 1. 59 of the reports were received in the 2 month period of June to August. Artois and Willows saw an increase.
 2. Cumulative total number of reported water supply issues 2021 - 2022: 387
 3. 200 residences are being served by the drought assistance program

2. Roundtable Report Out

a. County

- i. OES - SB 552 requirements for Drought Task Force and development of a drought response plan. The state has created a workgroup to develop a template for the drought response plan. Glenn OES is participating in the workgroups. Once the template is made available this winter, OES will review and begin drafting the local plan.
- ii. BOS - Well moratorium was continued at the June 7 BOS meeting. The State draft guidelines for well standards are delayed for up to one year. Glenn County will work on local well standards. A consultant is being considered to provide a 3rd party review for future ag well applications. Working to have this process in place prior to the next review of the well moratorium.

b. Cities

- i. **Orland:** City is in Stage 2 of their Water Shortage and Conservation Plan which led to accelerated cost per 1000 gallons of water to customers. Water reduction has been minimal since last year. The city is monitoring well levels and they are good.
 1. Work continues on the two city water projects. Installation of the new city well continues. The 2nd project - expansion of the city water system project which will connect 168 households in the County to the City water system. The city is working with the County residents who will be connected to the city system. Currently they have completed the paperwork process with 40 of the 168 applicants.

Engineering is quite large for this water system expansion project and takes time. The city is on track to go out for bid on the project this fall with construction starting in the spring of 2023.

c. NVCF

- i. The water tank program with water delivery and the bottled drinking water program is currently serving a total of 200 households, which is the max permitted by the State grant. NVCF filed an amendment with the State requesting the grant be expanded to serve up to 400 more households through 2024. This request was based on the number of homes with water supply issues, the persistence of drought conditions, and the length of time expected to be on a wait list for a well drilling service.
- ii. Currently have 2 vendors providing hauled water.
- iii. Information on how to apply and access the water programs is available on the Drought website: www.countyofglenn.net/drought (*Callers to Glenn County Administration, Planning Department, HHSA, or Sheriff's Office – OES are given information including how to access NVCF by phone*)
 1. NVCF has a simple step by step informational sheet that is shared with applicants to walk them through the process.
- iv. Water recharge was seen with irrigations from Orland Unit Water Users. Groundwater recharge is integral.

d. State agencies

- i. DWR – Discussed recharge from Churn Creek bottom southeast of Redding impacting Anderson and Cottonwood region.

e. Water agencies

- i. Orland Artois wells are dropping to lower levels than seen in the past but still fine. Will be shutting down 2 wells in the next few weeks. Lack of groundwater recharge in Artois and Willows area due to lack of rice being planted.

f. Agricultural agencies

- i. Ag Commissioner is developing statistics and fiscal impacts related to the drought on agricultural sector. Anticipate this will be presented to the Board in September.

g. Other organizations

- i. Assemblyman Gallagher's rep – State budget was passed with \$2.8 billion included for drought and water resiliency. At this time, no specific programs or projects have been rolled out.
 1. AB 2201 is currently under consideration in the assembly. One thing noted in this bill is that it adds GSA and SIGMA to the permitting process. The information on this proposed bill will be sent for the

minutes –*The text of the bill and updates can be found here:*

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2201

- ii. RCD discussed recharge projects as well as their fire mitigation burns being conducted on the west side of Glenn County.

3. Public comment

- a. Discussion on community outreach.
- b. Discussion on drought assistance programs.

4. Other Items

- a. Request for a presentation on groundwater recharge.

5. Next meeting: October 13, 2022